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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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International Application No

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 F01P11/14 F01P7/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 F01P

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4 779 577 A (RITTER ET AL.) 25 October 1988 (1988-10-25) column 3, line 21 - line 62 column 5, line 51 - line 63; figures	1-18
X	US 5 647 317 A (WEISMMAN, II ET AL.) 15 July 1997 (1997-07-15) column 8, line 66 - column 10, line 28; figures	1,3-7,9, 10, 12-14, 16,17
A	US 6 450 275 B1 (GABRIEL ET AL.) 17 September 2002 (2002-09-17) abstract	1,3-8, 10, 12-15,17

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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T later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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F01P11/14, F01P7/04

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☐ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☒ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☒ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:
D1 : US 4 779 577 A (RITTER ET AL.) 25 October 1988 (1988-10-25)
- 2 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of the claims 1-18 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
 - 2.1 To claim 1: Document D1 discloses (*the references in parentheses applying to this document*) a cooling system (*among others: heat exchanger 6, condenser 19*) that cools down multiple different heat generators (*internal combustion engine 3, air conditioner 20*), said cooling system comprising:
 - multiple cooling circuits (*4, 5 and 6 for the engine coolant, the circuit for the air conditioner 20 and the liquid circuit for the automatic transmission, as mentioned in column 3, line 50 and 51*) that adopt multiple different heat exchange media to cool down the multiple different heat generators;
 - a heat exchange module (*6, 19*) that uses outside air to cool down the multiple different heat exchange media of said multiple cooling circuits (*4, 5 and 6 for the engine coolant, the circuit for the air conditioner 20 and the liquid circuit for the automatic transmission, as mentioned in column 3, line 50 and 51*);
 - an outside air supply regulation module (*9-13*) that regulates a supply of the outside air used by said heat exchange module to cool down the multiple different heat exchange media; and
 - a control module (*15*) that drives and controls said outside air supply regulation module in response to control signals input from said multiple cooling circuits in a normal state, while driving and controlling said outside air supply regulation module to increase (*column 5, line 59-61: "the flaps are simultaneously completely opened and the blower is run at maximum rpm"*) the supply of the outside air in an abnormal state (*"failure of sensor", as mentioned in column 5, line 55*) where any abnormality arises in the control signals input from said multiple cooling circuits.

As document D1 shows all the features of the first claim, the subject-matter of the first claim is not inventive (Article 33(2) PCT).

Also, document D2 shows all the features of the first claim.

2.2 To the claims 2 to 9 document D1 mentions:

- the maximum air supply capacity of the second claim (column 5, line 60),
- the temperature measurement unit of claim 3 (21, 24 and 25),
- the working state detecting unit as claimed in claim 4 (unit 15),
- the in claim 5 claimed cooling fan (18),
- the water coolant like claimed in claim 6 (column 12, line 24),
- the radiator (6) from claim 7,
- the in claim 8 claimed internal combustion engine and
- the method of claim 9 (column 5, lines 51-63).

In view of this, the subject-matter of the claims 2 to 9 is not new. (Article 33(2)PCT).

2.3 To the claims 10 to 16: In these claims, a motor vehicle is claimed. The motor vehicle contains the features as claimed in the claims 1 to 9. As the document D1 shows also the motor vehicle, the subject-matter of the claims 10-16 is not new either. (Article 33(2) PCT).

2.4 To claim 17: In this claim, a method for controlling a cooling system with the features of claim 1 is claimed. The features of claim 1 are not new (see point 2.1 of this communication). From column 5, lines 51-63 of document D1, it is clear, that document D1 does not only show the device, but also the method. Therefore the subject-matter of the claims 17 is not new (Article 33(2) PCT).

2.5 To claim 18: The subject-matter of claim 18 is not new because the maximum supply of air is known from document D1, column 5, line 60.

Re Item VII.

Independent claims 1, 10 and 17 are not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule

6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art (document D1) being placed in the preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(I) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in the characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).

The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).

Re Item VIII.

The application does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT, because claims 1 and 10 to 16 are not clear.

- 1 To the claims 1 and 10: Although claims 1 and 10 have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought and in respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness and as such do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.
- 2 To the claims 11 to 16: Claim 10 claims a motor vehicle with the cooling system of claim 1. The claims 11 to 16 depend on claim 10. Apart from the aspect of the vehicle, claim 10 corresponds to claim 1, claim 11 to 2, claim 12 to 3, claim 13 to 4, claim 14 to 5 + 6 + 7, claim 15 to 8 and claim 16 to 9. From that point of view, it would be logical, that the claims 11 to 16 depend on claim 11 like the claims 2 to 9 depend on 1. Nevertheless, the claims 11 to 16 depend on claim 9.